

Amendment and Response

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**Title: INTERNET PRINT MANAGING SYSTEM AND METHOD WITH PRINT SERVICES
STATISTICAL ANALYSIS****IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add new claims 21 and 22.

Please amend claims 1-8, 11, 14-16, and 20 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of managing print services provided by a print provider, the method comprising the steps of:

defining a print managing system controller having the print services provided by the print provider registered therewith;

defining a network communication link between the print provider and the print managing system controller;

collecting print services data related to the print services provided by the print provider with the print managing system controller from the print provider via the network communication link; and

analyzing the print services data related to the print services provided by the print provider, including generating statistics of the print services with the print managing system controller using the print services data; and

reporting the statistics of the print services via the network communication link.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of defining the network communication link includes defining an Internet communication link between the print provider and the print managing system controller.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of collecting the print services data related to the print services includes collecting at least one of cost data of the print services and production data of the print services.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of analyzing the data related to the print services includes generating statistics of the print services provided by the print provider with the print managing system controller using the data related to the print services, and further comprising the step of: reporting the statistics of the print services

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provided by the print provider wherein reporting the statistics of the print services includes reporting the statistics to at least one of the print provider and a system administrator via the network communication link.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
receiving a job ticket and a data file for a print job at the print managing system controller;
collecting print job data related to the job ticket and the data file ~~for the print job~~ with the print managing system controller; and
~~analyzing the print job data related to the job ticket and the data file for the print job, including generating statistics of the print job with the print managing system controller using the print job data; and~~
reporting the statistics of the print job via the network communication link.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the step of collecting the print job data related to the job ticket and the data file includes collecting at least one of cost data of the print job, production data of the print job, and profile data of the print job.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of analyzing the data related to the job ticket and the data file includes generating statistics of the job ticket and the data file for the print job with the print managing system controller using the data related to the job ticket and the data file, and further comprising the step of: reporting the statistics of the job ticket and the data file for the print job wherein reporting the statistics of the print job includes reporting the statistics to at least one of the print provider and a system administrator via the network communication link.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for managing print services provided by a print provider, the system comprising:
a print managing system controller configured to have the print services provided by the print provider registered therewith,

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wherein the print managing system controller is adapted to collect print services data related to the print services provided by the print provider from the print provider, and analyze the print services data related to the print services provided by the print provider to generate statistics of the print services using the print services data, and report the statistics of the print services.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the print managing system controller is configured to communicate with the print provider via a network communication link.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the network communication link is an Internet communication link.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the print services data related to the print services includes at least one of cost data of the print services and production data of the print services.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the cost data of the print services includes at least one of operating cost, revenue, and profitability of the print services.

13. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the production data of the print services includes at least one of consumption and productivity of the print services.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the print managing system controller is adapted to generate statistics of the print services provided by the print provider using the data related to the print services and report the statistics of the print services provided by the print provider wherein the print managing system controller is adapted to report the statistics of the print services to at least one of the print provider and a system administrator.

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15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the print managing system controller is adapted to receive a job ticket and a data file for a print job from a customer, collect print job data related to the job ticket and the data file for the print job, and analyze the print job data related to the job ticket and the data file for the print job to generate statistics of the print job using the print job data, and report the statistics of the print job.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the print job data related to the job ticket and the data file includes at least one of cost data of the print job, production data of the print job, and profile data of the print job.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the cost data of the print job includes at least one of cost and profitability of the print job.

18. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the production data of the print job includes at least one of consumption and productivity of the print job.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the profile data of the print job includes at least one of customer identification and print job attributes of the print job.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the print managing system controller is adapted to generate statistics of the job ticket and the data file for the print job using the data related to the job ticket and the data file and report the statistics of the job ticket and the data file for the print job wherein the print managing system controller is adapted to report the statistics of the print job to at least one of the print provider and a system administrator.

21. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein collecting the print services data includes collecting a cost of the print services and a consumables requirement of the print services.

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22. (New) The system of claim 8, wherein the print services data includes a cost of the print services and a consumables requirement of the print services.

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